

Abstract:

Method for installing and configuring software components

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The invention relates to a method, rule package (RP),
framework (FW) and client program (KP) for the automatic
installation and configuration of software components (SW) in
a computer network (1), which comprises a plurality of client
10 computers (2) and at least one network resource (RES) of
installable software components (SW), wherein successful
installation of a software component (SW) may have as a
prerequisite the presence or absence of another software
component (SW), and to correspondingly programmed computers
15 and data storage media. In particular, each rule package (RP)
comprises at least one of the following four routines: a
routine (4) for installing the software component (SW) on the
client computer (2), a routine (4') for deinstalling said
software, a routine (5) for configuring the installed software
20 component (SW), and a routine (5') for undoing (deconfiguring)
the configuration thereof, wherein the rule packages (RP) are
run on the client computer (2), calling their installation
routines (4) and then their configuration routines (5) and
running is triggered by a local event (16-19) on the
25 particular client computer (2).

(Fig. 2)